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Employee Suggestion No. 3148

1. An opportunity was taken at a recent GSA staff meeting to discuss Employee Suggestion No. 3148. The following is a summation of the observations that were made and are hereby submitted for your consideration:

a. The feeling of anonymity associated with research is not considered to be a troublesome problem in GRA.

b. In the event such were a problem, a certain boost in morale probably would result from author recognition. However:

(1) It is feared a more serious morale problem would probably develop due to "intra-mural" confusion as to authorship and recognition.

(2) Certain analysts would seldom, if ever, be given an opportunity to prepare reports for which recognition could be given.

(3) There would be a tendency on the part of some analysts to shirk the routine work and concentrate on that from which a "record" could be built.

(4) Since an appreciable percentage of ORR work is in the field of conducting and producing "community" intelligence, authorship could become an embarrassing issue between co-workers in the several agencies.

c. After 15 years, it seems unlikely that Security would permit the practice of authorship recognition.

2. The consensus of opinion was that it would be of doubtful long-range value to permit authorship recognition in ORR reporting, even if Security concurred.

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